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**News Brief**

The ECNEC has approved a project involving Taka 4,371 crore to bring navigability back in four rivers to ensure smooth and safe plying of vessels. The approval came from the ECNEC meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair. The ECNEC yesterday approved a total of 15 projects involving an overall estimated cost of Taka 13,218.31 crore.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has offered giving all possible support to Indonesia to deal with the damages caused by a devastating earthquake and tsunami there on last Friday. The PM proposed to extend the support while having telephonic conversations with Indonesian President Joko Widodo yesterday. The Premier conveyed her sympathy to the bereaved families and wished quick recovery of the injured people.

The 4th Development Fair will begin at national, district and upazila levels across the country tomorrow aimed at showcasing the development activities of the government. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the three-day fair through a videoconference from Ganabhaban at 10 am tomorrow.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will visit the Padma Bridge site on October 13 to see progress of the construction work. Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said this to the media at Setu Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday. The PM will inaugurate the railway link and the permanent riverbank protection work during the visit, he added.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will brief media at 4 pm this afternoon at Ganabhaban on her recent visit to the United States to join the 73rd UN General Assembly.

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have expressed the hope that the observance of 'National Sanitation Month-October 2018' and 'Global Handwashing Day 2018' will help create awareness and improve sanitation system in the country. In separate messages, the President and the PM wished all programmes of the sanitation month and handwashing day a success.

President Md. Abdul Hamid is visiting Netrakona today to inaugurate the first International Folklore Festival there. The President, during his visit, will lay the foundation stone of Sheikh Kamal IT Park at Old Hospital Road of the town.

President for the Asia Pacific region of International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace Eknath Dalkan made a courtesy call on Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury at her office in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed various issues including climate change, sustainable development goals and good governance.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq launched legal aid office management software and Legal Aid App at Judicial Administration Training Institute in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister speaking on the occasion said, the newly launched software and App will work as the digital door in providing legal services to the people.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid has said, all southern districts in the country would be brought under 100 per cent electricity coverage within shortest possible time for the development of the region. The Minister said this while addressing a public rally at Dhawa Adarsha High School ground in Pirojpur yesterday.

DMP has taken tight security measures in and around of all the 230 Puja Mandaps in the capital for peaceful celebration of Durga Puja, the largest religious festival of the Hindu community to be held from October 15 to 19.

Bangladesh U-18 national women's football team emerged group champions in the SAFF U-18 Women's Championship beating Nepal by 2-1 goals in Thimphu, Bhutan yesterday.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, added 0.20 per cent, or 11.01 points, to close at 5,380.93 points yesterday.

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